

Adolescent Pregnancy ^a

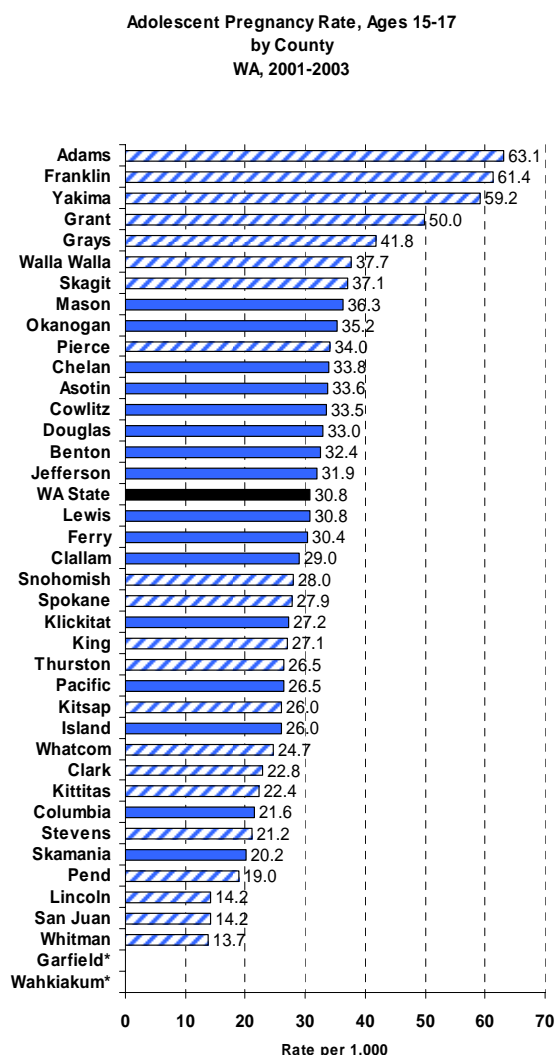
Publicly funded services to address Adolescent Pregnancy are described in Family Planning and Teen Pregnancy Prevention

Key Findings


- Washington's adolescent pregnancy rate in 2003 was 28.8 per 1,000 women ages 15-17 years. This represented 3,710 pregnancies. The most recent national rate available is the 2000 adolescent pregnancy rate of 53.5 per 1,000. ^{1,2,3}
- Washington's adolescent pregnancy rate was significantly lower than the 1990 rate of 57.9 per 1,000 women ages 15-17. ^{1,b}
- Approximately 53% of adolescent pregnancies resulted in live births for a total of 1,976 births in 2003. The Washington adolescent birth rate was 15.3 per 1,000 women in 2003, compared to the national rate of 22.4 per 1,000 women ages 15-17 years. ^{1,3}
- Reliable data on adolescent abortions by race and ethnicity are not available, so race and ethnicity data from live births are presented here. Adolescent birth rates are significantly higher in Blacks and American Indian/Alaska Natives compared to other racial groups while Hispanics have a significantly higher adolescent birth rate compared to non-Hispanic teens. ^b
- The Healthy People 2010 objective is for no more than 43 pregnancies per 1,000 women 15-17 years old. Washington's 2003 rate meets this objective. ⁴

Definition: Adolescent pregnancies are estimated by adding together reported births, induced abortions, and fetal losses for women ages 15-17 years. Spontaneous abortions (miscarriages) occurring prior to 20 weeks gestation are not included because there is no way of accurately estimating them.

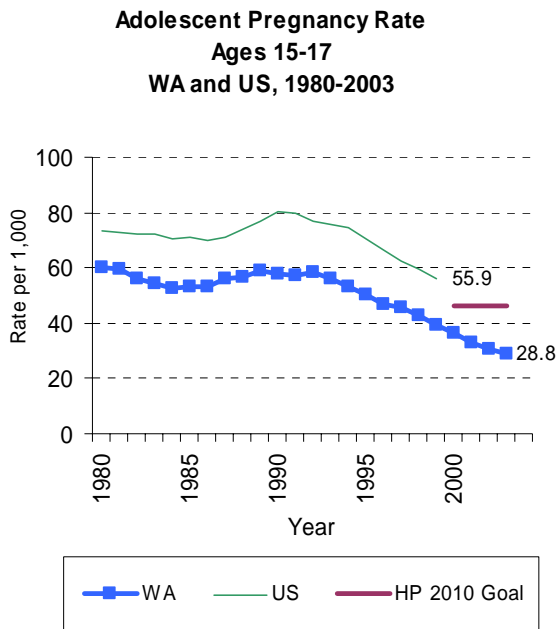
County ^{1,b}



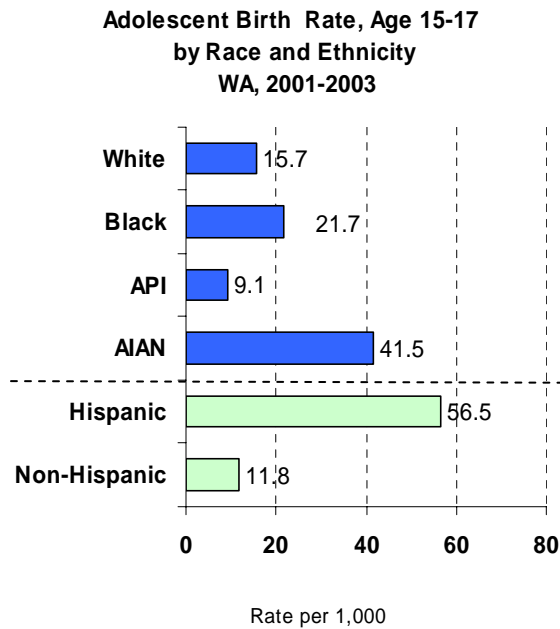
*County rates not calculated if less than 5 events

 Significantly different from state based on 95% confidence intervals

Time Trend^{1,2,5}



Race and Ethnicity (Live Births)^{6,c,d}



Data Sources

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Endnotes

- a. In this section, adolescents are 15-17 year olds unless otherwise indicated. Analysis was restricted to 15-17 year olds because they are school age. Pregnancy among women younger than 15 is a rare event and women older than 17 are at a lower risk for poor birth outcomes.
- b. Significance is based on 95% Confidence Intervals.
- c. API – Asian/Pacific Islander
- d. AIAN – American Indian/Alaska Native